GInaFiT
Geeraerd and Van Impe Inactivation model Fitting Tool

Developed under the supervision of
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as support of a range of
microbial inactivation models published in
Bigelow and Esty (1920), Cerf (1977), Geeraerd et al. (2000),
Mafart et al. (2002), Albert and Mafart (2005),
Geeraerd et al. (2005), Coroller et al. (2006)

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On publishing/presenting the results obtained with GInaFiT, you are kindly invited to refer to A.H. Geeraerd, V.P. Valdramidis, J.F. Van Impe, 2005. GInaFiT, a freeware tool to assess non-log-linear microbial survivor curves. International Journal of Food Microbiology, 102, 95-105 and to the original research publications for the model(s) you selected for your case-study (as provided in the Excel result-sheet(s) and this user manual).

Feedback

If you would have comments or suggestions regarding the installation, use or content of GInaFiT, or if you would be willing to provide a short user testimonial, please contact annemie.geeraerd@biw.kuleuven.be, associate professor at www.mebios.be. Your comments and user testimonials are highly appreciated.

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Compatibility with different Microsoft® Office Excel® versions

The GInaFiT version that you have obtained together with this manual is compatible with Microsoft® Office Excel® 2010 and Microsoft® Office Excel® 2007, and in principle it should work for any language (though we did obviously not test for every language). Installation instructions are provided below.

GInaFiT Version 1.6 is not compatible anymore with Microsoft® Office Excel® 2003,also called Microsoft® Office Excel® XP. If you would be interested in receiving Version 1.6 (as it contains a bug fix in comparison with Version 1.5) for Microsoft® Office Excel® 2003/XP, please contact annemie.geeraerd@biw.kuleuven.be.

Installation of GInaFiT Office 2010

For the installation instructions for GInaFiT Office 2007, please refer to page 11 of this manual.

An essential requirement

Please carefully consider the following essential requirement before proceeding to the installation of GInaFiT in Office 2010: the MS-Excel Add-In "Solver" is installed.

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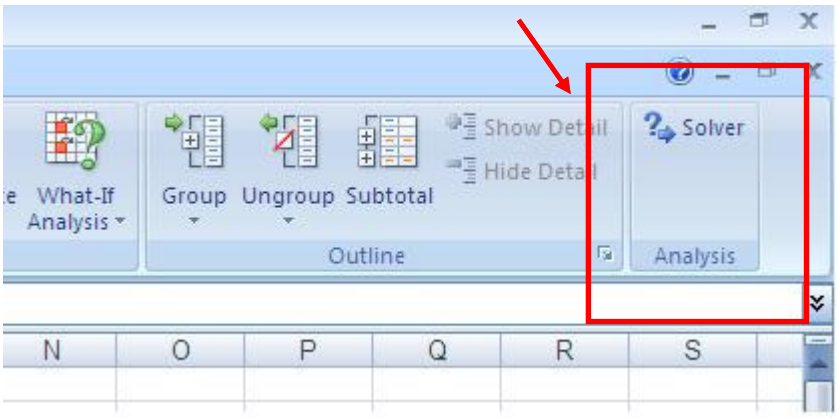

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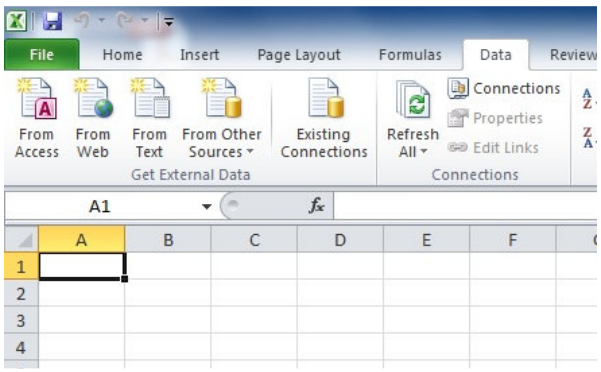

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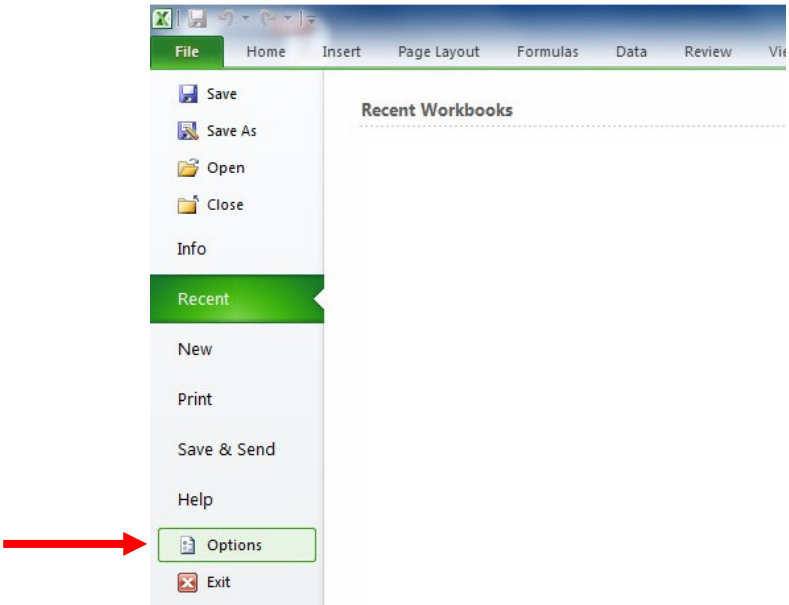
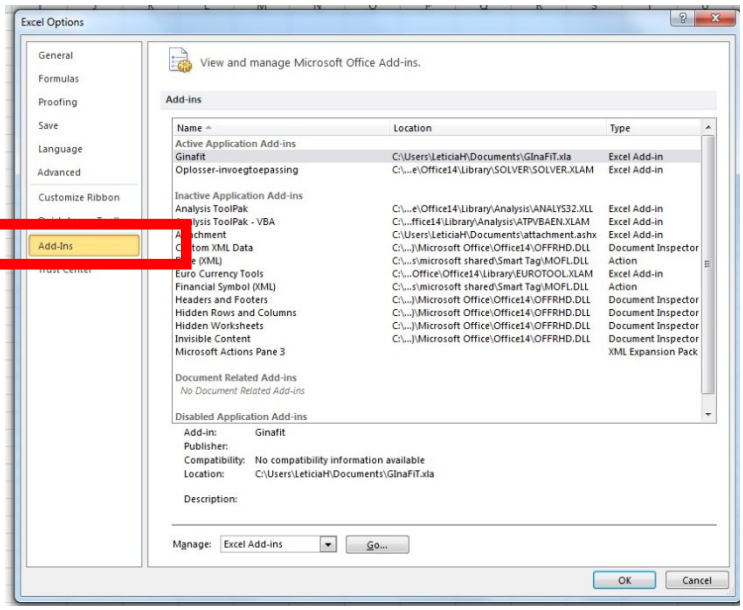


- Click Options;

- The Options dialog box appears. Select Add-Ins



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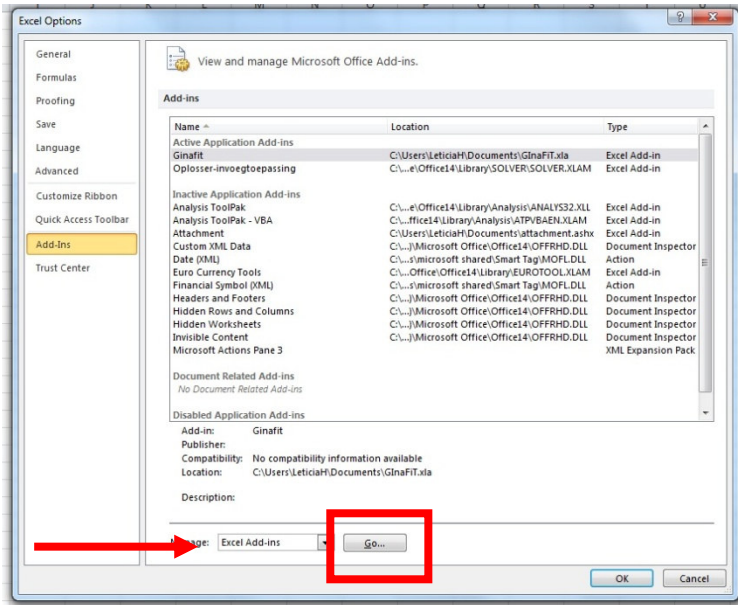

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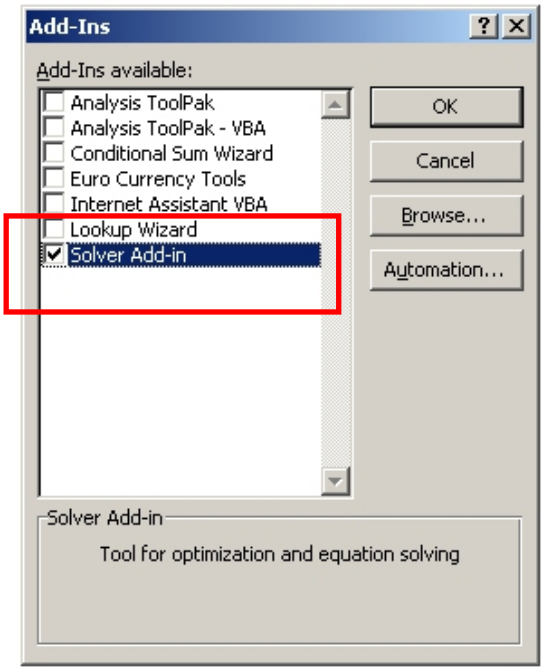

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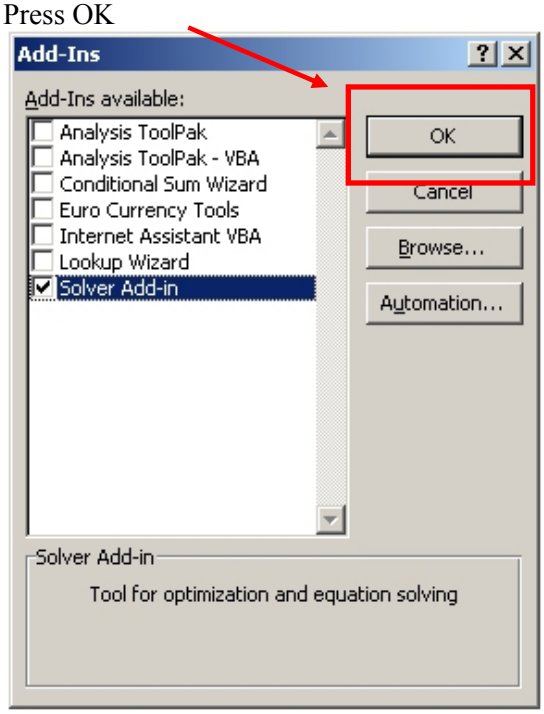

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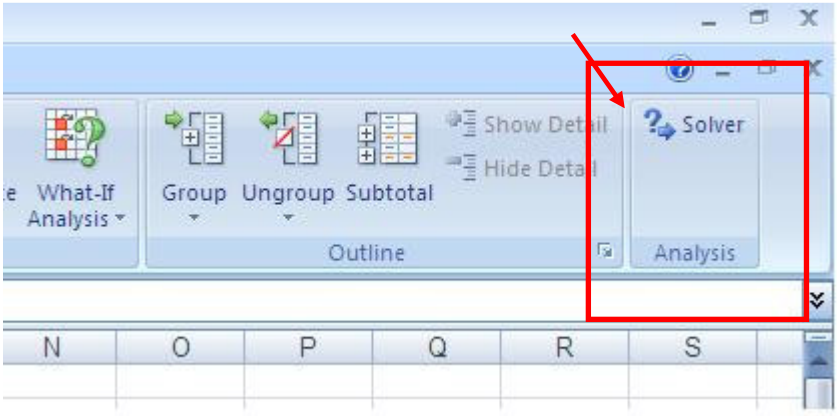

Installation of GInaFiT.xla

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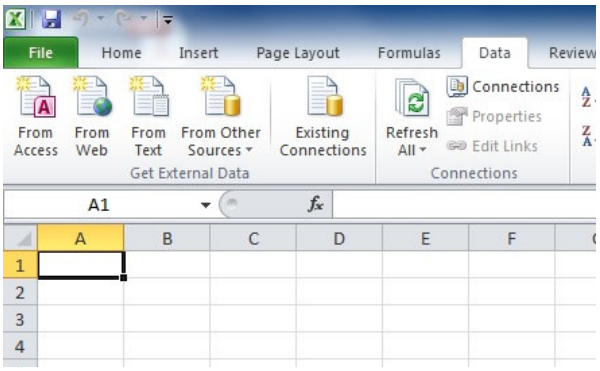

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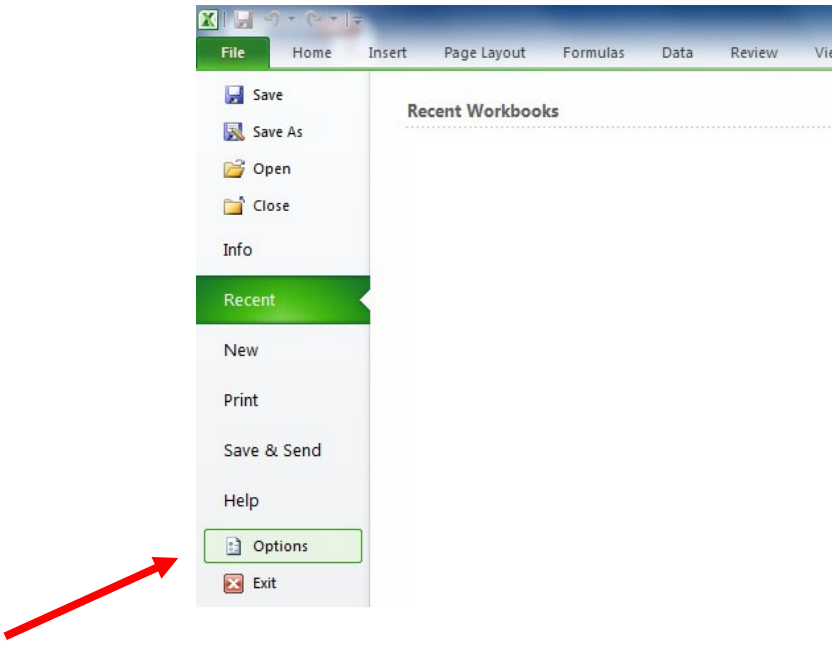

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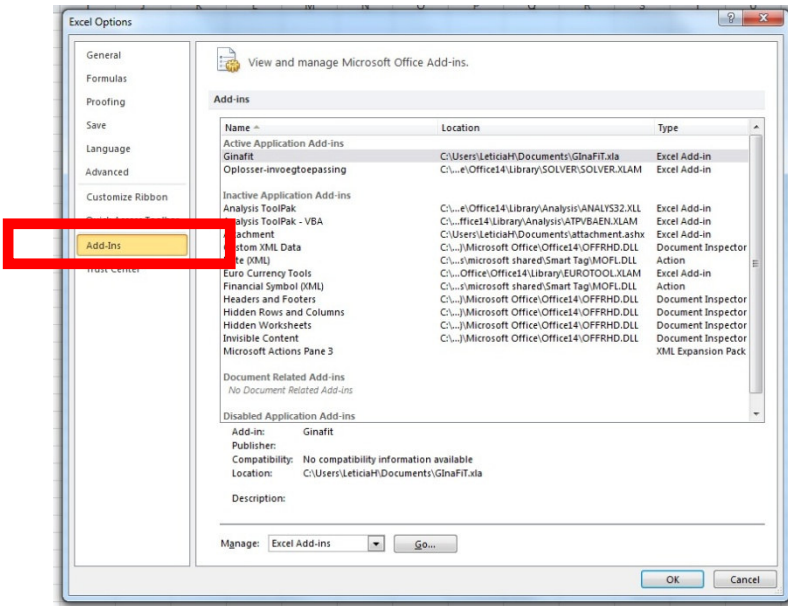

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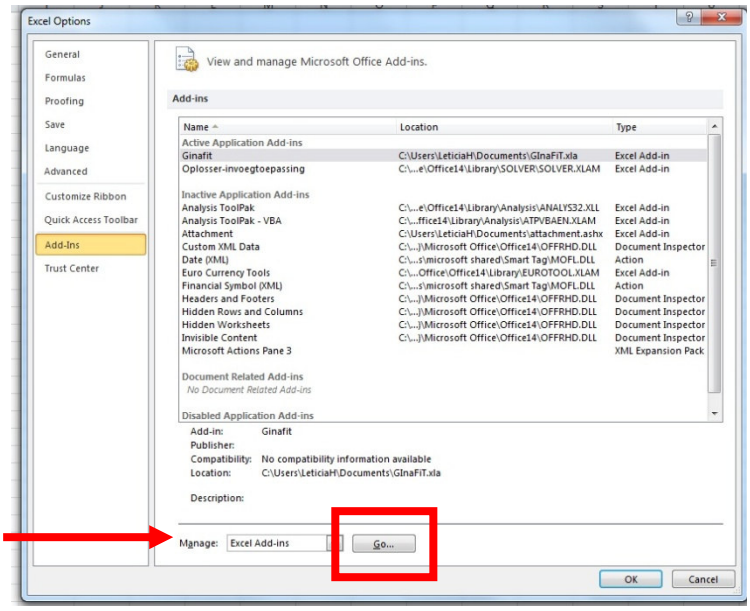

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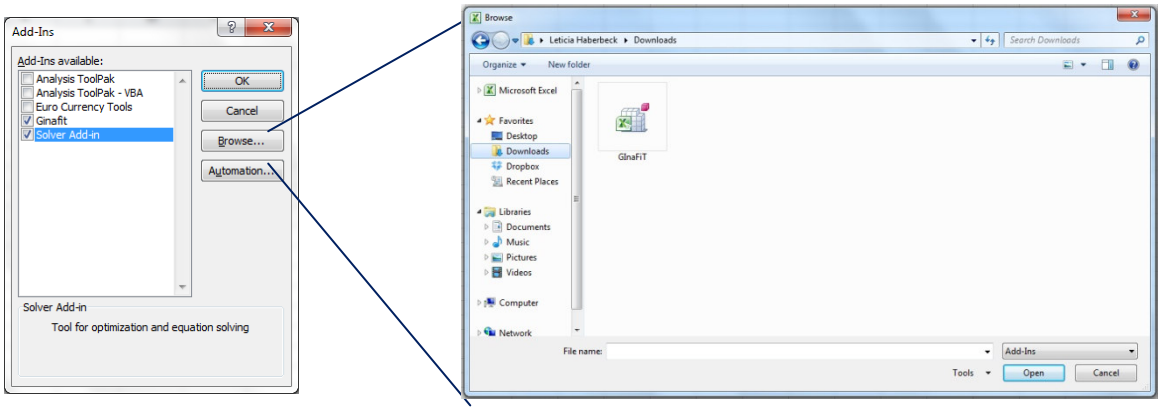

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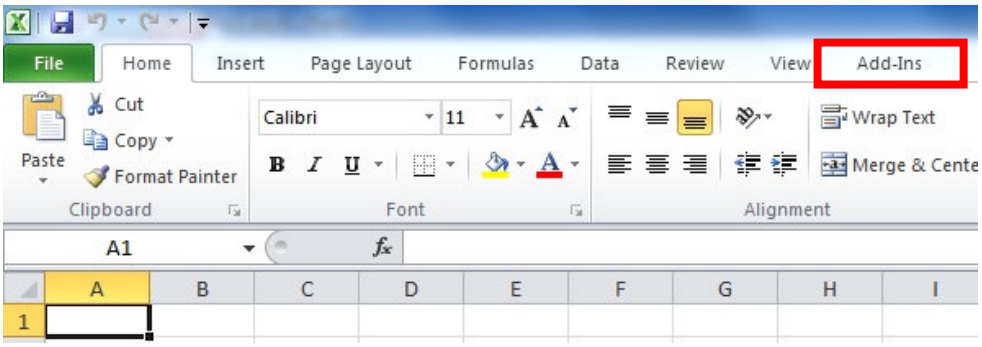

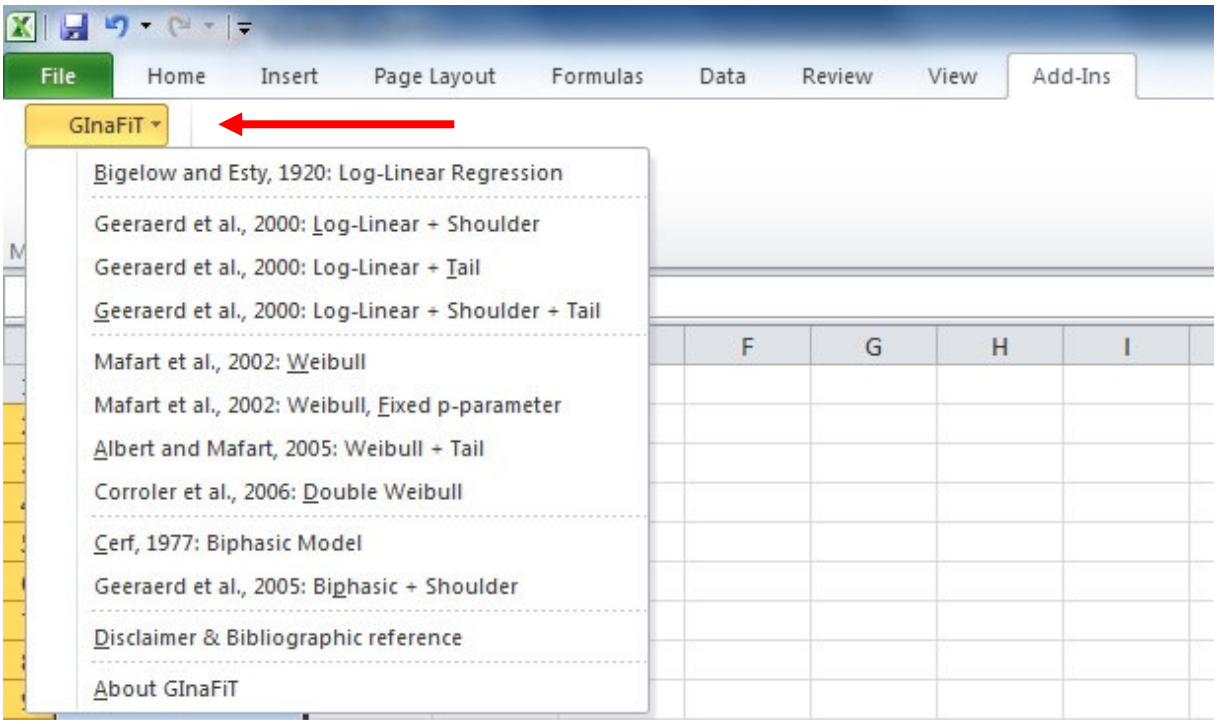

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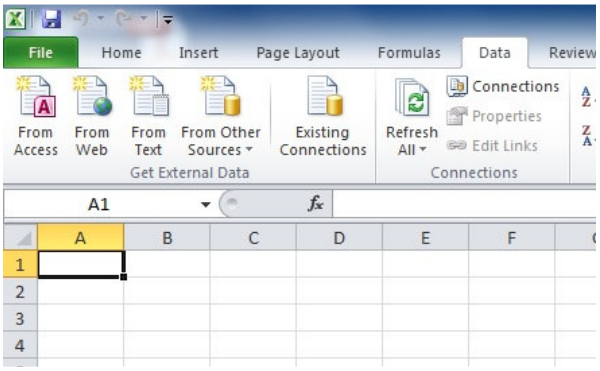

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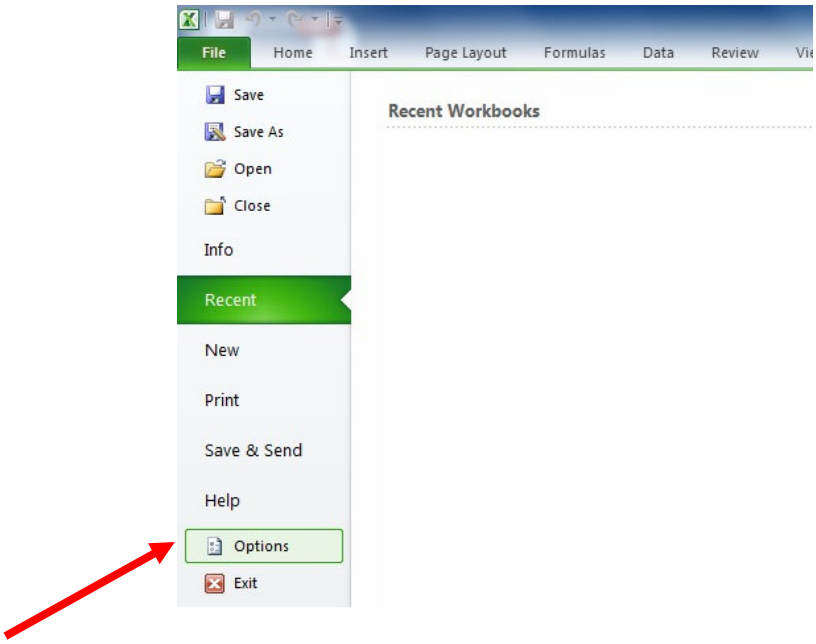

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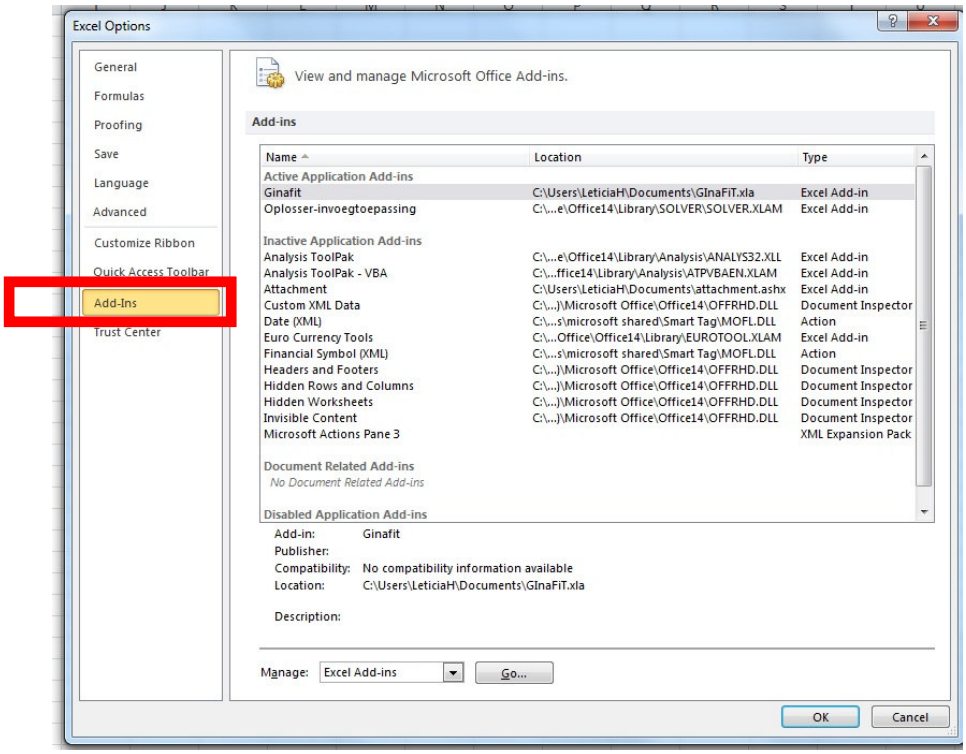

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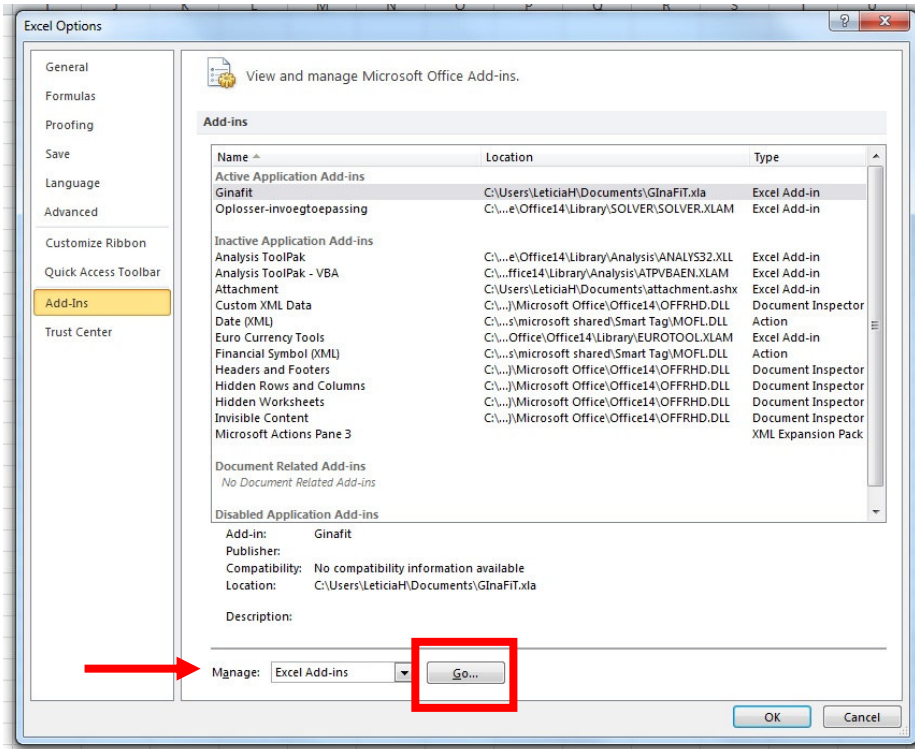

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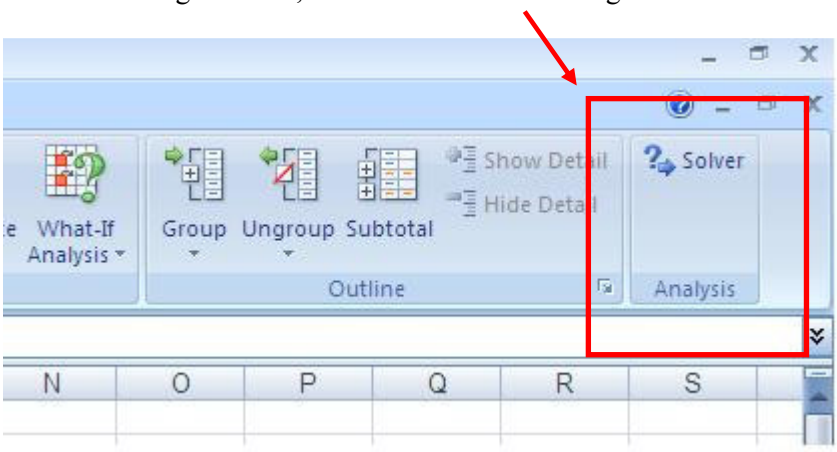

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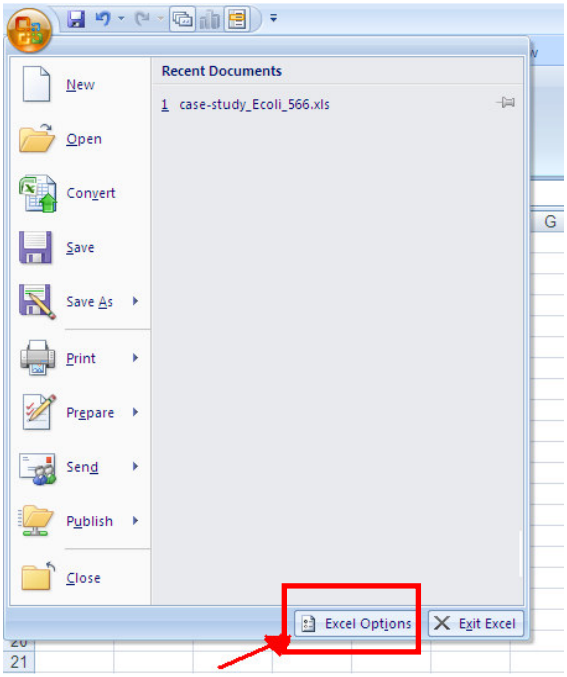

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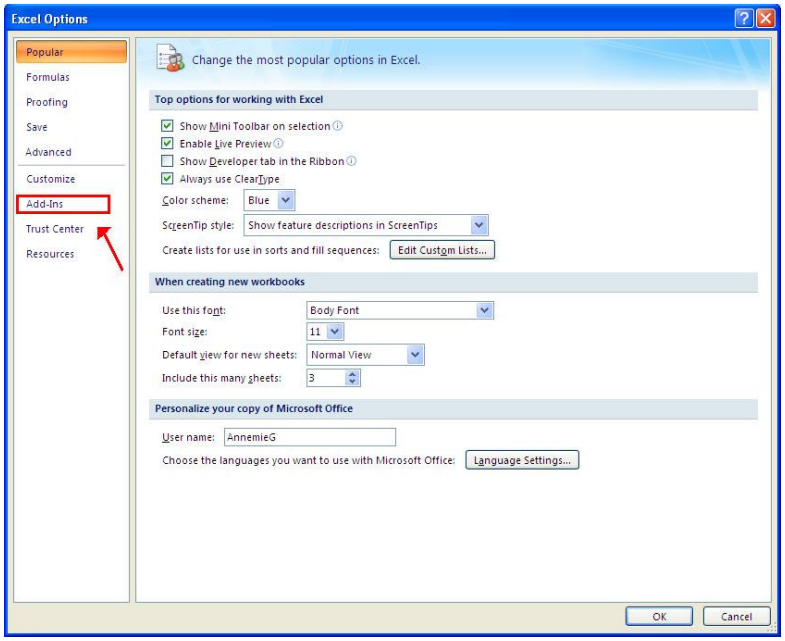

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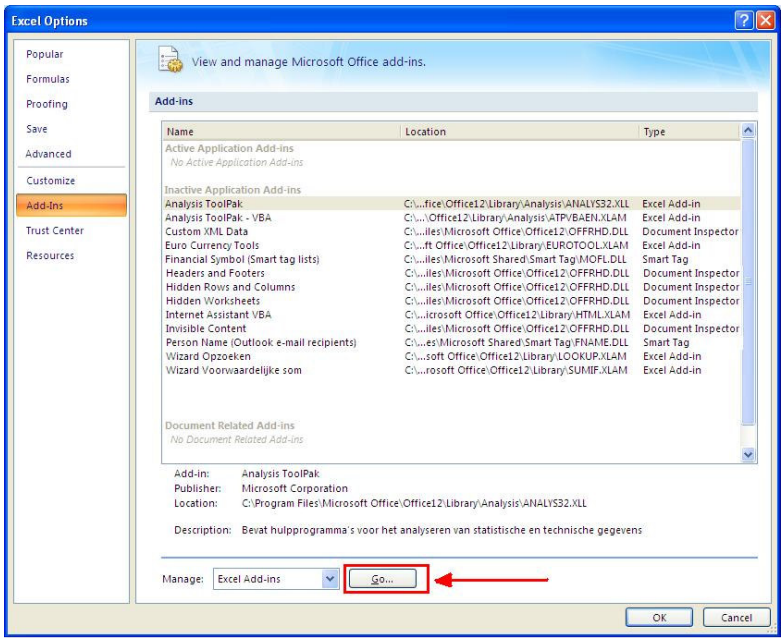

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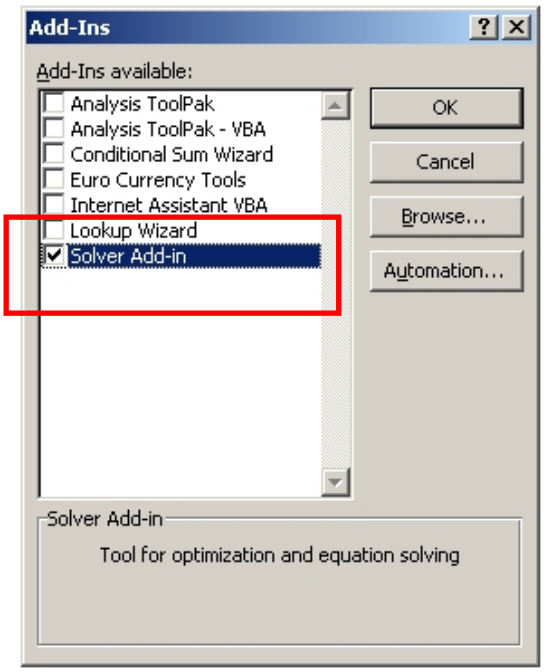

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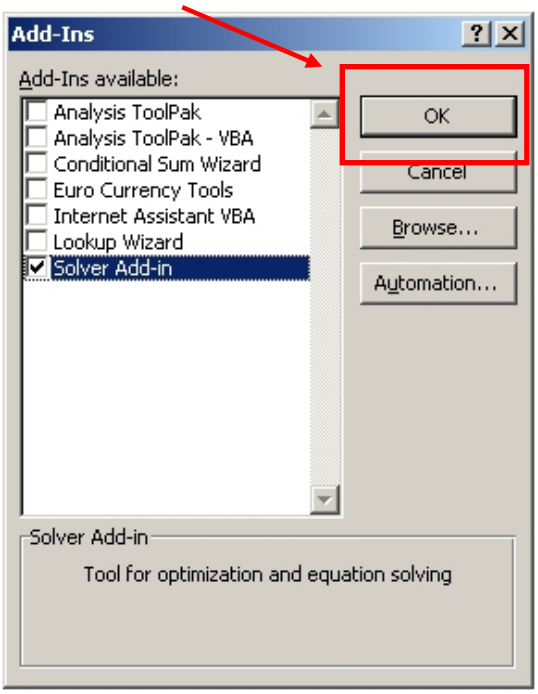

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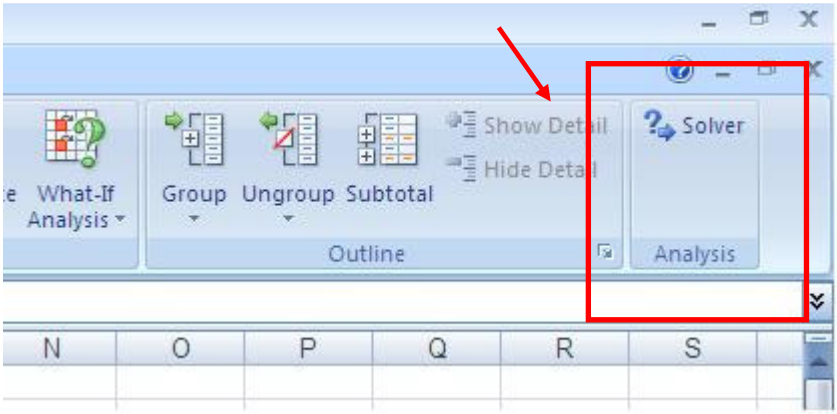

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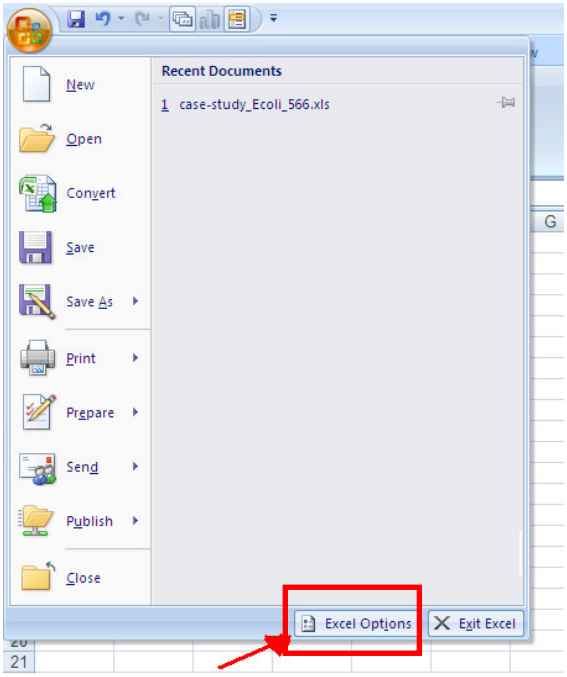

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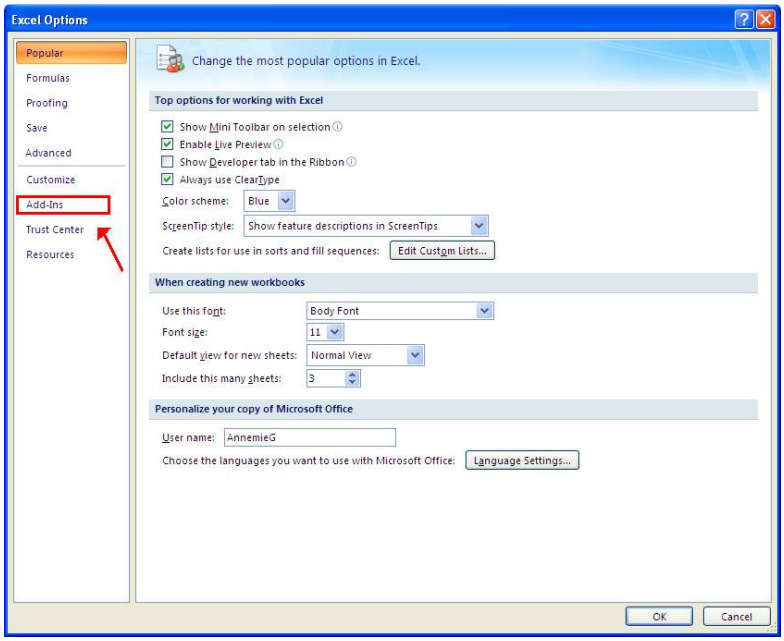

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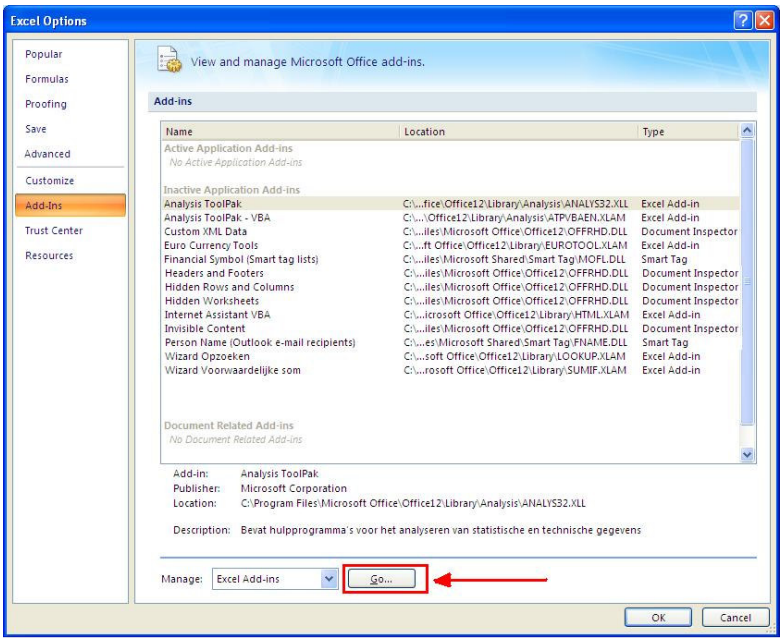

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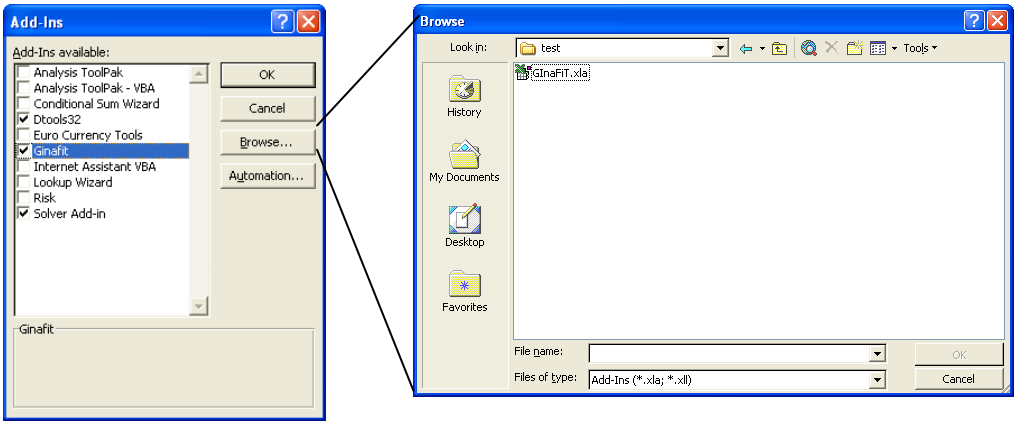

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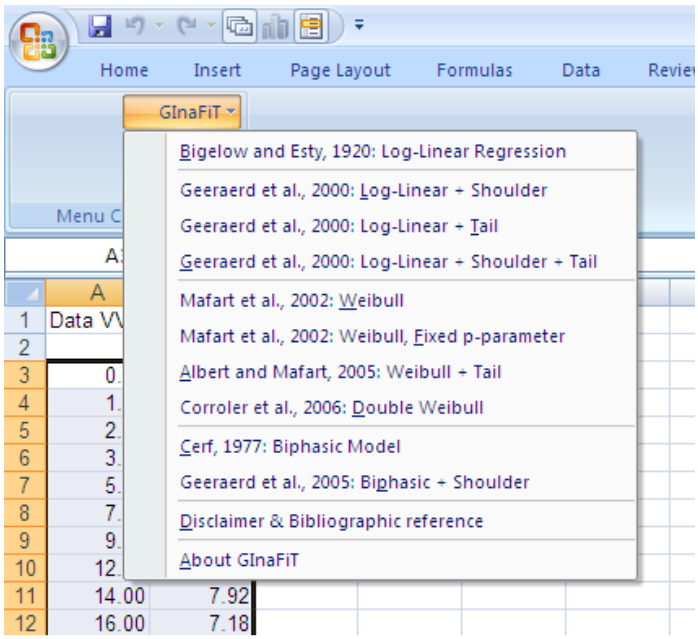
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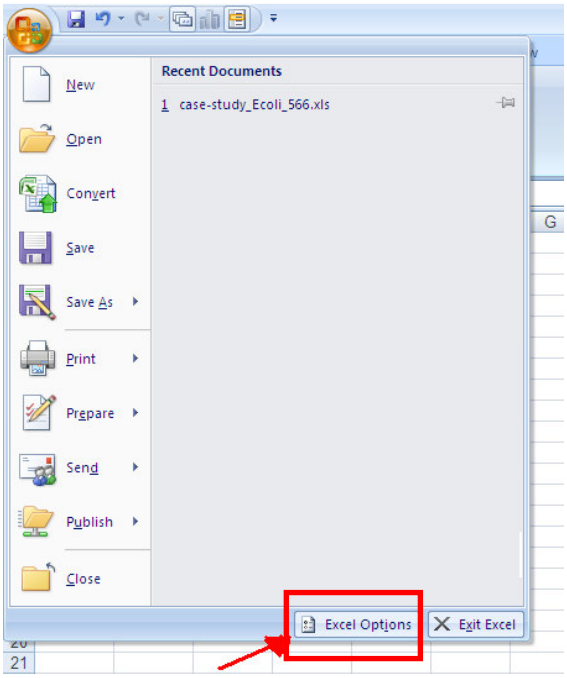

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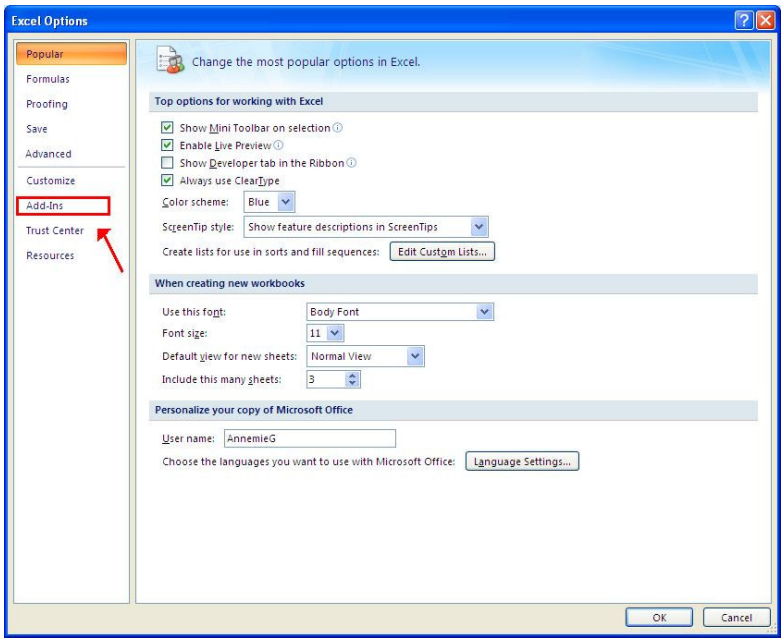

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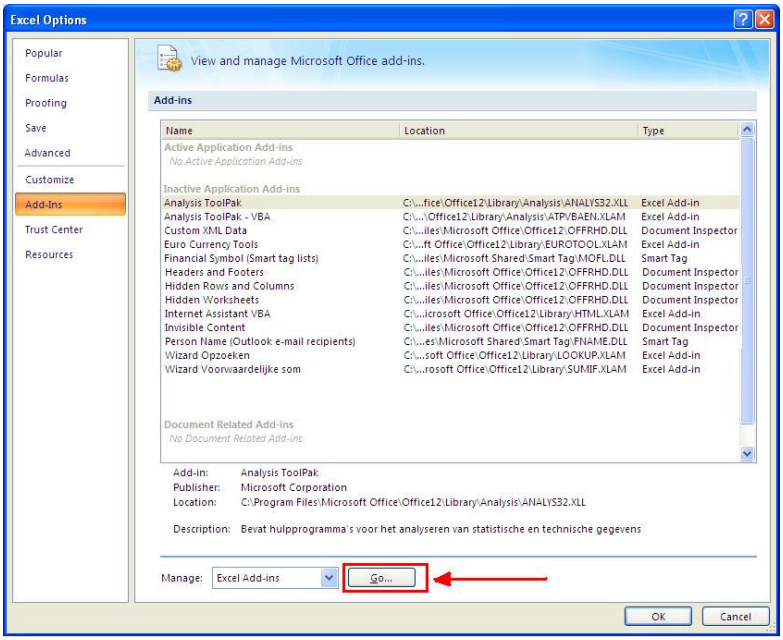

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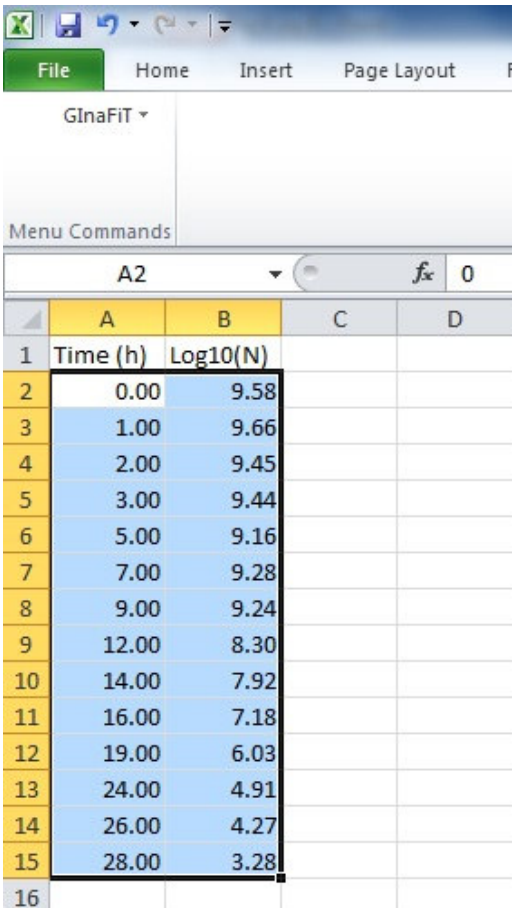
How to use GInaFiT

1. Select the data to be modelled in the Excel sheet. The first column should be time, the second column should be LOG10(N).



	A	B	C	D
1	Time (h)	Log10(N)		
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3	1.00	9.66		
4	2.00	9.45		
5	3.00	9.44		
6	5.00	9.16		
7	7.00	9.28		
8	9.00	9.24		
9	12.00	8.30		
10	14.00	7.92		
11	16.00	7.18		
12	19.00	6.03		
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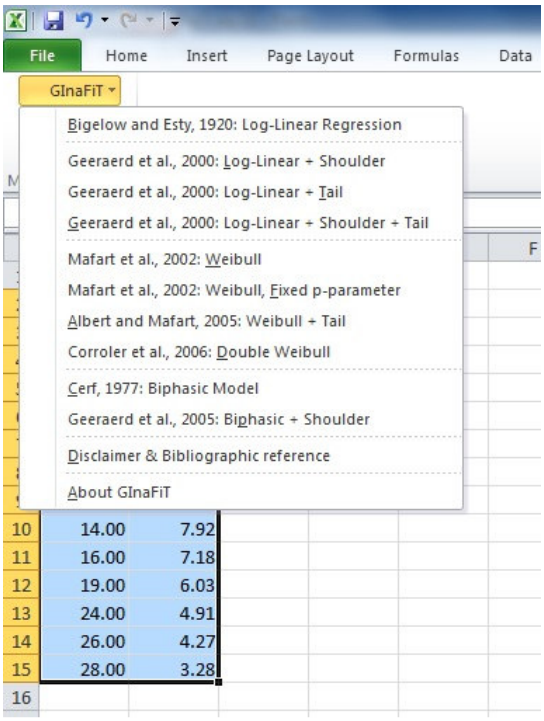
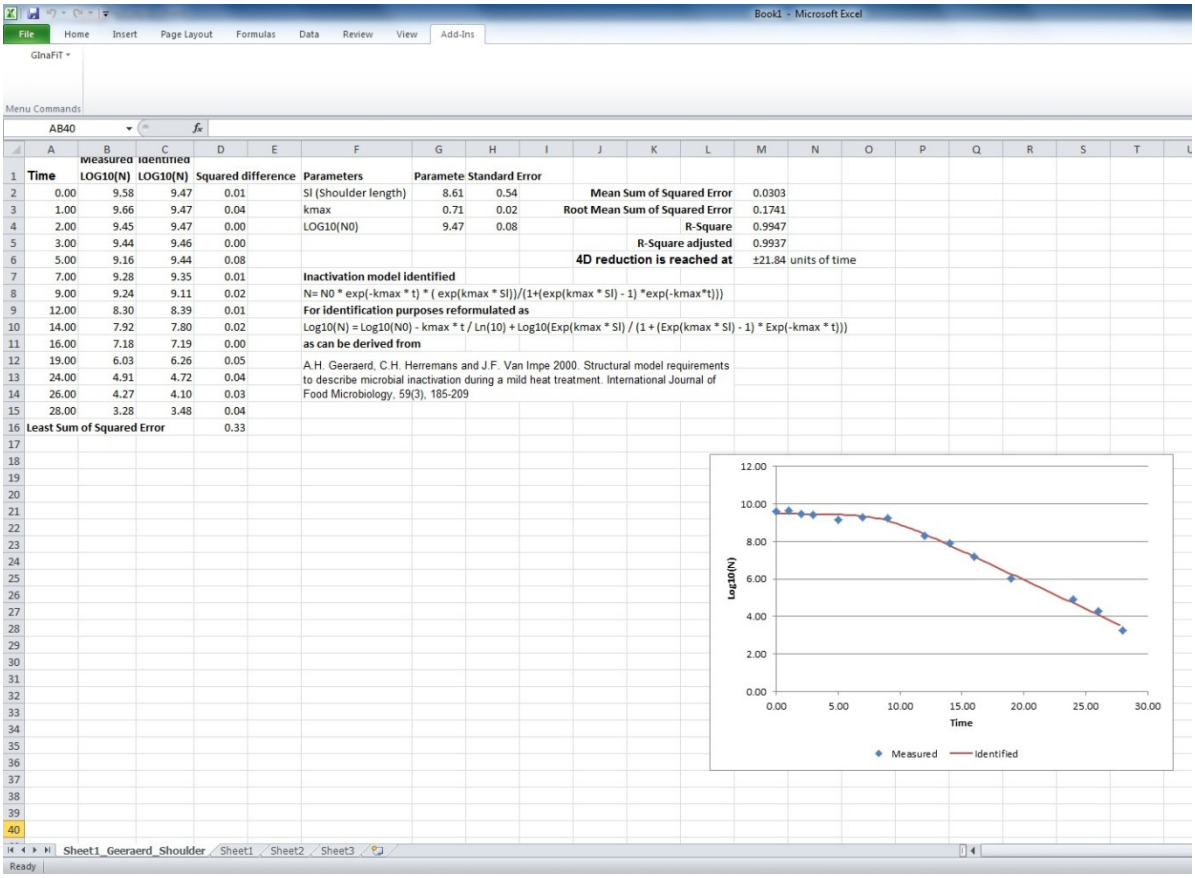
2. Select the model to be applied out of the ten different models available as can be seen in the figure below.



3. A new sheet is inserted with the same name as the name of the original sheet followed by the name of the model selected, e.g., Sheet1 would result in Sheet1_Geeraerd_Shoulder_Tail. The result is demonstrated below.


Book1 - Microsoft Excel
GInaFiT
Menu Commands
Time
Measured LOG10(N)
Identified LOG10(N)
Squared difference
Parameters
Parameter
Standard Error
Sl (Shoulder length) 8.61 0.54
kmax 0.71 0.02
LOG10(N0) 9.47 0.08
Mean Sum of Squared Error 0.0303
Root Mean Sum of Squared Error 0.1741
R-Square 0.9947
R-Square adjusted 0.9937
4D reduction is reached at ±21.84 units of time
Inactivation model identified
N= N0 * exp(-kmax * t) * (exp(kmax * Sl))/(1+(exp(kmax * Sl) - 1) *exp(-kmax*t)))
For identification purposes reformulated as
Log10(N) = Log10(N0) - kmax * t / Ln(10) + Log10(Exp(kmax * Sl) / (1 + (Exp(kmax * Sl) - 1) * Exp(-kmax * t)))
as can be derived from
A.H. Geeraerd, C.H. Herremans and J.F. Van Impe 2000. Structural model requirements to describe microbial inactivation during a mild heat treatment. International Journal of Food Microbiology, 59(3), 185-209
Least Sum of Squared Error 0.33
Log10(N)
Time
Measured
Identified
Sheet1_Geeraerd_Shoulder
Sheet1
Sheet2
Sheet3
Ready

GInaFiT output when selecting the "Geeraerd et al., 2000: Log-Linear + Shoulder" Menu-Item for the case-study at hand.

A short advice on the use of GInaFiT

The tool is useful for testing ten different types of microbial survival models on user-specific experimental data relating the evolution of the microbial population with time. The ten model types are: (*i*) classical log-linear curves, (*ii*) curves displaying a so-called shoulder before a log-linear decrease is apparent, (*iii*) curves displaying a so-called tail after a log-linear decrease, (*iv*) survival curves displaying both shoulder and tailing behavior, (*v*) concave curves, (*vi*) convex curves, (*vii*) convex/concave curves followed by tailing, (*viii*) biphasic inactivation kinetics, (*ix*) biphasic inactivation kinetics preceded by a shoulder, and (*x*) curves with a double concave/convex shape. The models were originally published as Bigelow and Esty (1920), Cerf (1977), Geeraerd et al. (2000), Mafart et al. (2002), Albert and Mafart (2005), Geeraerd et al. (2005) and Coroller et al. (2006).

Next to the obtained parameter values, the following statistical measures are automatically reported: standard errors of the parameter values, the Sum of Squared Errors, the (Root) Mean Sum of Squared Errors, the R^2 and the adjusted R^2. In addition, t_{4D}, the time needed for a 4 log reduction of the initial microbial population, as originally proposed by Buchanan et al. (1993), is also automatically reported (for data sets covering at least 4 decimal reductions).

The tool can be used in two ways. On one hand, for end-users having already a qualitative idea of the general shape of their survival curves, the choice for one of the model types is obvious. On the other hand, if the end-user does not have a clear idea yet, two or more of the different model types available can be tested and compared. The time for a 4 decimal reduction can be useful to summarize the information present in a data set, for example, if a common survivor curve shape can not be selected for a range of different conditions tested.

Additionally, the tool has some built-in features testing for mis-use, for example, when trying to identify a model with tailing on data not having a tail or when using a too limited number of data points (observations) in comparison with the number of parameters in the model type chosen (the number of parameters ranges from 2 to 5 for the ten model types available).

Further illustration on the use of GInaFiT can be found in Geeraerd et al. (2005). If the use or interpretation of GInaFiT results would raise questions, please contact us at annemie.geeraerd@biw.kuleuven.be.

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